



Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs

RI PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ELDERLY (RIPAE)/PART D

- All RIPAE clients will have to be re-certified.
- Current clients will be receiving an instruction/application package in the mail by November 1. All applicants will need to certify that they are not eligible for extra help from Social Security. This package will include an application for extra help from Social Security, a new RIPAE application, a letter of instruction and a listing of agencies that help them fill out these applications.
- RIPAE is **NOT** "creditable coverage."
- New applicants will need to file an application and certify that they are not eligible for extra help from Social Security.
- Applications for extra help can be obtained from the local Social Security office.
- RIPAE applications need to be returned to DEA by January 15.
- New RIPAE cards will be issued by March 1, 2006.
- RIPAE & Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D):
All clients eligible for *Low-income Subsidy (Extra Help)* **MUST:**
 - **Apply for extra help from Social Security.**
 - **Enroll in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) to get drug benefits.**
 - **Use those benefits before using RIPAE.**

CONSUMER RESOURCES FOR:

Medicare Prescription Drug Plans, Extra Help, RIPAE:

- **Medicare:**
 - **1-800-MEDICARE**
 - **(1-800-633-4227) Voice**
 - **1-877-486-2048 (TTY)**
 - **www.medicare.gov**
- **Assistance will be offered in more 14 languages.**
- **Social Security:**
 - **1-800-772-1213 (Voice)**
 - **1-800-325-0778 (TTY)**
 - **www.ssa.gov**
- **Social Security will assist to lower-income beneficiaries.**
- **Department of Elderly Affairs Customer Information Referral and Assistance Center:**
 - **www.dea.state.ri.us**
 - **401-462-4000 (Voice)**
 - **or 401-462-0740 (TTY)**
- **The Point Resource Center:**
 - **www.ThePointRI.org**
 - **401-462-4444 (Voice)**
 - **or 401-462-4445 (TTY)**